

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-17 and 19-22 are pending. Claims 1, 6-7, 12, 17 and 19 are amended, Claims 5 and 18 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claims 21-22 are new. Support for the changes to the claims is found in the prior claims. No new matter is added.

In the Official Action, Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. 5,659,361 (Jin); Claims 8, 10, 17 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Jin in view of U.S. 5,801,,774 (Seo); Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Jin in view of Seo and U.S. 5,982,429 (Kamamoto); and Claims 5-7, 9, 12-16, 18 and 19 were objected to, but were otherwise indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in the claims. Claims 1 and 17 are amended to recite the subject matter indicated as allowable in Claims 5 and 18, respectively, Claim 12 is amended to be in independent form, and Claims 21-22 are new and depend from Claims 1 and 17, respectively. Accordingly, all of the pending claims recite subject matter which was indicated as allowable.

Consequently, it is respectfully submitted no issues remain pending and this application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner disagree, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss any remaining issues. Otherwise, a timely notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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